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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 18 March 1952

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8 April 1952

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1. Between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 18 March 1952, Schoenwalde Airfield was observed from its southeastern and western sides. There were no clouds, and the visibility was about 6 km. At 10:30 a.m. four twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies were parked in front of the hangars on the northern edge of the field. The dispersal areas in the northeastern corner of the installation could not be observed. At about 11 a.m., the engines of several twin-engine planes were started. At 11:10 a.m., a twin-engine plane landed at the field coming from the west-southwest. Other twin-engine aircraft landed up to 12:30 p.m. at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes. Several approaching planes did not land but zoomed away.

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Photographs were taken of landing aircraft which were all of the same type. *

2. The radar set with a parabolic reflector which was previously located at the field was no longer observed. **The radio truck with an antenna of seven sections which was previously west of Schoenwalde-Boetzow road was now located in the southwestern section of the field about 100 meters east of the Artillery emplacement.

* Comment. The plane is a Tu-2. The unit which was previously referred to as Unit Gonchar arrived in Schoenwalde in October 1951 after a ground attack regiment from Schoenwalde was transferred to Stendal. Since Tu-2s were occasionally observed towing sleeve targets at various airfields of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army it is possible that the unit in Schoenwalde is equipped with such aircraft which are continuously detached to other airfields. A maximum of seven twin-engine aircraft have been observed with the unit.

** Comment. The radar set was observed for the first time on 27 September 1951. A sketch of this set was previously transmitted with

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*** Comment. The radio truck with antenna which was observed is a RUS-2 type set. For a photograph of this set,

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